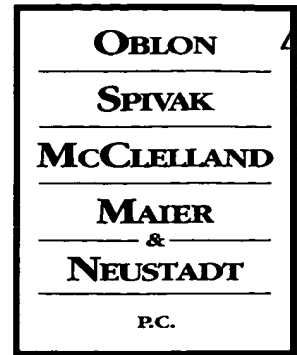




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/667,301

Applicants: Kiyonori TSUDA, et al.

Filing Date: September 23, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING A TONER  
CONTAINER AND A PROCESS CARTRIDGE

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:


**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137 (a) REQUESTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE DELAY  
COPY OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT LETTER  
COPY OF PTO MAIL LOG REPORT FROM DECEMBER 15, 2003 THROUGH JANUARY 5,  
2004**

**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
FILING OF DECLARATION/DECLARATION**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$130.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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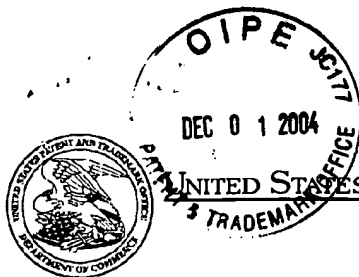
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**NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)**

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 12/16/2003.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

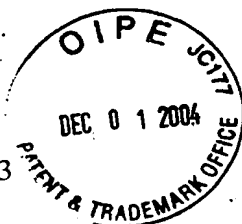
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FILED: September 23, 2003

TITLE: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING A TONER CONTAINER AND A  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a) REQUESTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF  
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE DELAY**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment for the above-identified Application be withdrawn due to the fact that the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 2003 was not received by Applicants' Attorneys. The facts concerning this matter are as follows.

Upon receipt of mail from the Patent and Trademark Office in this firm, all mail is opened and logged in a daily computer log. The due date is entered in the firm computer docketing system. At the time of entry into the computer, the serial numbers are checked to ensure that the correct docket number appears on the mail so that the documents are entered in the correct application in the computer and matched with the correct application file. Any due dates resulting from the Patent and Trademark Office mail are also entered in the computer.

After receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, our computer system was checked. The computer Patent Due Dates section for the subject application did not show a current due date for

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the Filing of the Declaration, nor did it show receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts (see attached computer printout).

The application file was then pulled and the full contents of the file were reviewed. The application file contained no Notice to file Missing Parts dated December 15, 2003. The computerized PTO Mail Log Report was then checked. All mail received from the Patent and Trademark Office is logged in the mail log by serial number or patent number, along with a description of the mail received, on a daily basis. Mail from the US Patent and Trademark Office is generally received by our firm within two or three days of mailing. However, to ensure a complete check, the daily log was checked from December 15, 2003 through January 5, 2004 and found to contain no record of having received the Notice for the above-identified application.

It is believed that the above discussion and documents enclosed herewith clearly prove the nonreceipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 15, 2003 and therefore, the holding of abandonment was issued in error.

The petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117 (i) is enclosed herewith. Applicants believe that no fee is due. If the fee is not due, please credit the petition fee to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Accordingly, it is requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that prosecution be allowed to continue in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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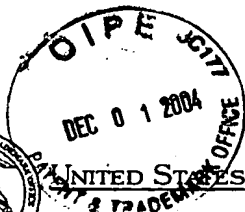
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